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DaVita will share the results from the following clinical quality initiatives during the poster session on Wednesday, April 23, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.:

- "Treating depression in the dialysis setting: validating Symptom Targeted Intervention," presented by Shaun Boyd, L.S.W., poster 155
- "Root Causes of Lack of Adherence to Mineral Bone Disease (MBD) Medication in ESRD Patients," presented by Maureen McKinley, L.S.W., poster 408

In addition, the findings from the following health outcomes research studies will be presented during the poster session scheduled for April 23, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

- "Economic Impact of Ferric Citrate (FC) versus Standard of Care for Hemodialysis Patients," presented by Steven M. Brunelli, M.D., M.S.C.E., poster 156
- "Disease Burden of Diabetic Foot Ulcers in End-Stage Renal Disease," presented by Scott Sibbel, Ph.D., M.P.H., poster 221

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About DaVita Kidney Care

DaVita Kidney Care is a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., a Fortune 500® company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. A leading provider of dialysis services in the United States, DaVita Kidney Care treats patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease. DaVita Kidney Care strives to improve patients' quality of life by innovating clinical care, and by offering integrated treatment plans, personalized care teams and convenient health-management services. As of Dec. 31, 2013, DaVita Kidney Care operated or provided administrative services at 2,074 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States serving approximately 163,000 patients. The company also operated 73 outpatient dialysis centers located in ten countries outside the United States. DaVita Kidney Care supports numerous programs dedicated to creating positive, sustainable change in communities around the world. The company's leadership development initiatives and social responsibility efforts have been recognized by Fortune, Modern Healthcare, Newsweek and WorldBlu. For more information, please visit DaVita.com.

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